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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rule 1.56 and MPEP Section 2001.06(a), the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are cited and discussed on Pages 2 and 9 of the International Application and are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of this application.

Form PTO-1449 (1 page) is enclosed with a copy of each and every reference cited on Form PTO-1449.

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Applicants received a copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/903 and note that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received and thus the National Stage file contains a copy of the International Search Report and copies of the references cited in the International Search Report. Applicants understand that pursuant to MPEP 1893.03(g), the Examiner will consider the references cited in the International Search Report, without any further action by Applicants under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. Because there is no requirement for the Examiner to list the references cited in the International Search Report, Applicants will understand that the Examiner has in fact considered the references cited in the International Search Report.

Respectfully submitted,



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